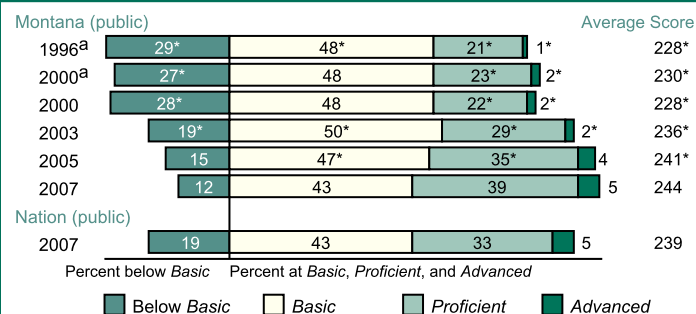


The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assesses mathematics in five content areas: number properties and operations; measurement; geometry; data analysis and probability; and algebra. The NAEP mathematics scale ranges from 0 to 500.

Overall Mathematics Results for Montana

- In 2007, the average scale score for fourth-grade students in Montana was 244. This was higher than their average score in 2005 (241) and was higher than their average score in 1996 (228).¹
- Montana's average score (244) in 2007 was higher than that of the nation's public schools (239).
- Of the 52 states and other jurisdictions that participated in the 2007 fourth-grade assessment, students' average scale score in Montana was higher than those in 30 jurisdictions, not significantly different from those in 15 jurisdictions, and lower than those in 6 jurisdictions.²
- The percentage of students in Montana who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 44 percent in 2007. This percentage was greater than that in 2005 (38 percent) and was greater than that in 1996 (22 percent).
- The percentage of students in Montana who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 88 percent in 2007. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2005 (85 percent) and was greater than that in 1996 (71 percent).

Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels and Average Score



^a Accommodations were not permitted for this assessment.

NOTE: The NAEP grade 4 mathematics achievement levels correspond to the following scale points: Below Basic, 213 or lower; Basic, 214–248; Proficient, 249–281; Advanced, 282 or above.

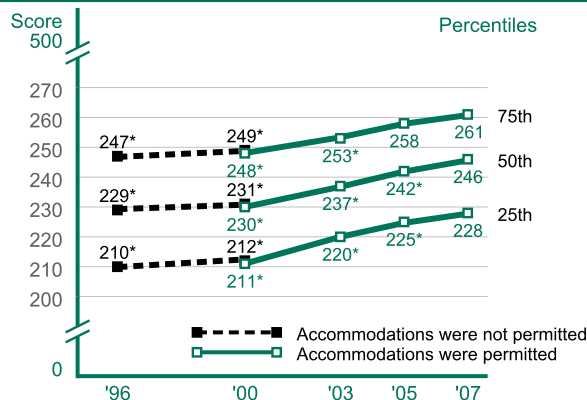
Performance of NAEP Reporting Groups in Montana: 2007

Reporting groups	Percent of students	Average score	Percent below Basic	Percent of students at or above Basic	Percent of students at or above Proficient	Percent Advanced
Male	51	245	12	88	47	6
Female	49	242 ↑	13	87	42 ↑	4
White	83	247 ↑	9	91	49 ↑	6
Black	1	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Hispanic	3	241	15	85	40	4
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	12	222	36	64	16	1
Eligible for National School Lunch Program	38	234	22	78	30	2
Not eligible for National School Lunch Program	60	250 ↑	6	94	54 ↑	7

Average Score Gaps Between Selected Groups

- In 2007, male students in Montana had an average score that was higher than that of female students by 3 points. In 1996, there was no significant difference between the average score of male and female students.
- Data are not reported for Black students in 2007, because reporting standards were not met. Therefore, the performance gap results are not reported.
- In 2007, Hispanic students had an average score that was not significantly different from that of White students (gap of 6 points). Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 1996, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2007, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, a proxy for poverty, had an average score that was lower than that of students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch by 16 points. In 1996, the average score for students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch was lower than the score of those not eligible by 17 points.
- In 2007, the score gap between students at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 33 points. In 1996, the score gap between students at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 37 points.

Mathematics Scores at Selected Percentiles



NOTE: Scores at selected percentiles on the NAEP mathematics scale indicate how well students at lower, middle, and higher levels performed.

Rounds to zero.

‡ Reporting standards not met.

* Significantly different from 2007.

↑ Significantly higher than 2005. ↓ Significantly lower than 2005.

¹ Comparisons (higher/lower/narrower/wider/not different) are based on statistical tests. The .05 level was used for testing statistical significance. Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages. Comparisons across jurisdictions and comparisons with the nation or within a jurisdiction across years may be affected by differences in exclusion rates for students with disabilities (SD) and English language learners (ELL). The exclusion rates for SD and ELL in Montana were 2 percent and "percentage rounds to zero" in 2007, respectively. For more information on NAEP significance testing see <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/mathematics/interpret-results.asp#statistical>.

² "Jurisdictions" refers to states and the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding and because the "Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which provides free and reduced-price lunches, and the "Unclassified" category for race/ethnicity are not displayed. Visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/states/> for additional results and detailed information.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), various years, 1996–2007 Mathematics Assessments.